

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Reference is made to commonly-assigned and copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/628,853 [[_____ (Docket 84108)]], entitled METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PRINTING PLATE by Michael J. Simons et al., and Serial No. 10/628,639 [[_____ (Docket 84546)]], entitled METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PRINTING PLATE, by Michael J. Simons et al., both filed herewith, the disclosure(s) of which are incorporated herein. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page5, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Examples of dibasic carboxylic acids and dibasic sulfonic-carboxylic acids with hydrophobic groups which function as oleophilising agents are given in commonly-assigned and copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/628,853 [[_____ (Docket 84108)]], entitled METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PRINTING PLATE by Michael J. Simons et al., filed herewith. --